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HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, JULY 2, 1884.

AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

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Bank.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$5,000,000.
INSTALLMENT RECEIVED ON NEW SHARES, 2,074,744.75
\$8,074,744.75

RESERVE FUND, \$2,000,000.
INSTALLMENT OF PREVIOUSLY COIVED ON NEW SHARES, 1,663,361.66
\$4,003,361.66

COURT OF DIRECTORS.
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INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.
For Fixed Deposits—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. "

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Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
Deposits granted on London, and the other Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager,
Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.
Hongkong, April 2, 1884. 583

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

WE have this day Admitted as a PARTNER in our Firm Mr. WILLIAM SNELL ORE.
Our PARTNERS now are Mr. THOMAS DEAS BOYD, Mr. EDWARD NELSON ROSE, Mr. THOMAS COVIL and Mr. WILLIAM SNELL ORE.
BOYD & Co.
Amoy, 1st July, 1884. 1083

Intimations.

HOP SHING & Co.,
ENGINEERS, BOILER MAKERS,
COPPER SMITHS, BRASS & IRON
FOUNDERS, &c.,
WEST POINT IRON WORKS.

HAVING The Day commenced BUSINESS, are ready to undertake works of the above Descriptions under the Supervision of an EXPERIENCED EUROPEAN.
Orders executed with the utmost care and at moderate terms.
24th September, 1884. 611

1,450 Prizes, £50,000, 1,450 Prizes,
THE SYDNEY JOCKEY TURF CLUB'S MELBOURNE CUP CONSULTATION—1884.
Members £1—EACH.
To be run on the Flemington Race Course, Melbourne, in November, 1884.
Distribution: 100 Prizes, £25 each.
First Horse, £5,000; 100 Camels, £25 each.
Second Horse, £2,000; 200 " 10, " 500.
Other Starters, 200 " 15, " 500.
(Dividends), 1,500 " 100, " 500.
1 Cash Prize, £1,000; 100 " 100.
3 Cash Prizes, £2,000; Total, £20,000.
£1,000 each, 3,000.

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Beg to inform the Sporting Public of China that they have made arrangements for holding a £50,000 CONSULTATION on the forthcoming MELBOURNE CUP of 1884, when about 1,450 Prizes will be awarded to the Fortunate Holders of the winning Numbers. The Highest Prizes being £50,000; and the Lowest £10. Less 10 per cent. for Expenses. Winning Numbers can be forwarded for payment or collection to the Manager of any Bank, either Section (N. S. Wales), or Melbourne (Victoria). Drawing will take place under the Committee of Management, about four clear days before the Day of Race. Result Slips are forwarded to all Subscribers. Any Subscriber can be present at the drawing either in person or by proxy, on making application to the Secretary in writing. Add 1 for Reply and Remit. Drafts or P. O. Orders to be made payable to JAMES WALLACE, Secretary, 8, J. T. C., 208, Oxford Street, Sydney, Australia.

Intimations.

HONGKONG STEAM LAUNDRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE FIRST Annual General MEETING of the Company will be held at the HONGKONG HOTEL on MONDAY, the 7th July next, at 3 o'clock p.m., to receive the Report of the Directors, when a full attendance of Shareholders is requested.

WILLIAM LELOGE,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, June 24, 1884. 1044

THE CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary MEETING of the CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the Company's Office, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 8th day of July, 1884, at 12 o'clock, Noon, when the following Resolution will be proposed:

That at the end of No. 121 of the Articles of Association, there be added the following Words, that is to say:

Provided always that the General Agents and Consulting Committee may in their absolute discretion at any time or times and from time to time declare and pay to the Shareholders an interim Dividend of such amount as they shall think fit.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents.
Hongkong, June 27, 1884. 1089

THE LUZON SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary MEETING of the LUZON SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the Company's Office, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 8th day of July, 1884, at 10 minutes after 12 Noon, when the following Resolution will be proposed:

That at the end of No. 117 of the Articles of Association, there be added the following Words, that is to say:

Provided always that the General Agents and Consulting Committee may in their absolute discretion at any time or times and from time to time declare and pay to the Shareholders an interim Dividend of such amount as they shall think fit.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents.
Hongkong, June 27, 1884. 1070

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has This Day REMOVED his FURNITURE STORE to the Premises lately occupied by Mr. DUNNELL, No. 6, Queen's Road Central.

A-TACK,
Furniture Dealer.
Hongkong, June 12, 1884. 972

NOTICE OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—The Assets of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation will form a direct security for the repayment of sums deposited in the above Bank.

3.—Sums less than £1, or more than £250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than £1,500 in any one year.

4.—Deposits may be made on behalf of relatives, of trust, &c., in addition to the depositor's own account.

5.—Persons desirous of saving sums less than a dollar may do so by affixing clean ten-cent stamps to a form to be obtained at the Bank or at the Post Office. When the form is presented with ten clean stamps the depositor will be credited one dollar.

6.—Deposits in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

7.—Deposits may be forwarded from the Posts by means of clean Hongkong Postage Stamps of any values.

8.—Interest at the rate of 5% per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

9.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Post Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Post Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

10.—Covers containing Post-Books, Registered Letters containing Stamps or other Remittances, and generally, correspondence to be addressed to the business of the Bank will, if marked on Hongkong Savings' Bank Business, be forwarded free of Postage or Registration Fees by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

11.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Post-Book are necessary.

12.—All documents connected with the Savings' Bank are exempt from stamp duty.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, April 25, 1884. 715

WITH Reference to the above, BUSINESS will be commenced on the 1st May, 1884.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, April 25, 1884. 716

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For Sale.

NEW SEASON'S TEA.

THE GUMSHAW MIXTURE

in 5 and 10 Catty Boxes.

They are now forwarding the first parcel to England, and will be obliged by Orders from those who desire to have

Boxes sent to their friends.

PRICE—\$ 7.50 per 5-catty Box} delivered FREE to any address
\$12.00, " 10-catty, " in the United Kingdom.

Hongkong, June 30, 1884. 1083

NOTICE.

SAYLE & Co. beg to inform their Customers and the Public in general that in consequence of the Death of the SENIOR PARTNER, the BUSINESS carried on in HONGKONG will be CLOSED.

On or before the 31st day of August Next,
AND THE WHOLE OF THE STOCK is now offered at a REDUCTION of 25 per Cent. on the Marked Prices.

Special terms will be made for parcels of Goods over \$100 in value purchased at one time.

All Sales from this date will be for Cash only. Customers are requested to make immediate Payment of Amounts due by them to the late Firm.

SAYLE & Co.,
VICTORIA EXCHANGE, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, June 9, 1884. 951

Intimations.

NOTICE.

COMMENCING on MONDAY, the 30th Instant, and until further Notice, the Steamers HONAM & HAWK will run NIGHT and DAY commanding the MORROW, the 25th Instant, leaving HONGKONG at 7 a.m., and MACAO at 2 p.m.

The Steamer is fitted with First-Class Passenger Accommodation.

For Freight or Passage, apply to MESSRS. MILISCH & Co., Macao;

MESSRS. F. BLACKHEAD & Co., Hongkong, or CAPTAIN ON BOARD.

Hongkong, June 27, 1884. 1088

NOTICE.

PERSONS desirous of Exchanging Soiled ONE DOLLAR NOTES for CLEAN ONES may do so at the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION from this date.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, May 30, 1884. 992

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that by the PROVISIONS made under a BILL of SALE dated the 15th Day of April, 1884, made between ABRAHAM ELEAZER ABRAHAM of the one part and the Undersigned of the other part, I have This Day entered and taken possession of the Properties known as the "INTERNATIONAL PRINTING OFFICE," 3, Hollywood Road, Hongkong, and will transact all Business from henceforth on my own account and in my Name.

Hongkong, dated the 15th day of June, 1884.

By Order, T. ARNOLD,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, June 24, 1884. 1049

NOTICE.

COMMENCING on MONDAY, the 30th Instant, the KUANG-HOW will run as an EXTRA BOAT between HONGKONG and MACAO, leaving HONGKONG at 7 a.m., and returning from MACAO at 11 p.m.

By Order, T. ARNOLD,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, June 25, 1884. 1056

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

THE OFFICE of the TAKASHIMA COLLIERY AGENCY, and THE TOKIO MARINE INSURANCE CO., is REMOVED to No. 53, Wyndham Street.

H. J. TRIPP,
Agent.

Hongkong, June 26, 1884. 1062

NOTICE.

D. K. GRIFFITH HAS OPENED HIS NEW PHOTOGRAPHIC STUDIO, No. 1, Duddell Street, in rear of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China.

THE NEW RAPID DRY PLATES, he is now working, are twenty times quicker than the Old process and make Portraits of Children easy and certain to succeed.

The Studio is open daily, and Portraits are taken in any weather at Moderate Charge, while every care is taken to procure prints of the best quality.

New Views of HONGKONG and the COAST PORTS ALWAYS READY.

Hongkong, May 24, 1884. 865

WA SUN,

PICTURE FRAME MAKER and GILDER.

THE CHINA MAIL

NO. 6583.—JULY

For Sale.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.
No. 53, Queen's Road East,
(OPPOSITE THE COMMISARIAT),
A R E N O W L A N D I N G
F R O M A M E R I C A .

CALIFORNIA
RACKER
COMPANY'S BISCUITS in 5 lb
tins, and loose.
Soda BISCUITS.
Assorted BISCUITS.

Small HOMINY.
Cracked WHEAT.
OATMEAL
CORNMEAL

TOPCAN BUTTER.
Eastern and California CHEESE.
GODFISH, Boneless.
Primo HAMS and BACON.
Kings Brand Condensed MILK.
Family BEEF in 25 lb cans.
Beau Ideal SALMON in 5 lb cans.
Cutting's Dessert FRUITS in 25 lb cans.
Assorted Canned VEGETABLES.
Potted SAUSAGE and Sausage
MEAT.

Stuffed PEPPERS.
Assorted SOUPS.

Richardson's & Robinson's Celebrated Potted
MEATS.

Lunch HAM.
Lamb's TONGUES.

Chin CHOWDER.

Fresh OREGON SALMON.

DRY APPLES.

SUGGOTASH.

Maple SYRUP.

Golden SYRUP.

LOBSTERS.

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HONEY.

FAIRBANKS' SCALES.

400 lb. Capacity.

600 lb. "

900 lb. "

1,200 lb. "

AGATE IRON WARE.
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Tuck's PATENT PACKING.

HITCHCOCK HOUSE LAMPS.

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Ex late Arrivals from
ENGLAND.

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF
S T O R E S ,
including:

ALMONDS and RAISINS.
FRENCH PLUMS.
TETE-NOIR'S DESSERT FRUITS.
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Fine YORK HAMS.
PIENO TONGUES.
BREAKFAST TONGUES.
PATE DE FOIE GRAS.

Digby CHICKS.
Kornmouth PLOATERS.
Kippered HERRINGS.
Herrings in SARDINES.

IRISH BACON in tins.
COCOATINA.

van HOUTEN's COCOA.

EPIN COCOA.

SPARTAN

COOKING STOVES.

CLARETS—

CHATEAU MARGAUX.

CHATEAU LA TOUR, plts & quarts.

IRIS. GRAVES.

BREAKFAST CLARET, "

SHERRIES & PORT—

SACONE'S MANZANILLA & AMON-

TILLADO.

SACONE'S OLD INVALID PORT

(1843).

HUNT'S PORT.

BRANDY, WHISKY, LIQUEURS, &c.—

1 and 2-star HENNESSY'S BRANDY.

COURVOISIER'S BRANDY.

FINEST OLD BOURBON WHISKY.

KINAHAN'S LI WHISKY.

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E. & J. BURKE'S IRISH WHISKY.

ROSE'S LIME JUICE CORDIAL.

NOLLY FRAT & CO'S VERNOUTH.

JAMESON'S WHISKY.

MARSALA.

EASTERN CIDER.

CHARTREUSE.

MARASCHINO.

CURAÇAO.

ANGOSTURA, BOKEN'S and Q MANGE

BITTERS.

&c., &c., &c.

BASS'S ALE, bottled by CAMLEON and
SAUNDERS, pints and quarts.

GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by E. &
J. BURKE, pints and quarts.

DRAUGHT ALE and PORTER, by the
Gallon.

ALE and PORTER, in hogsheads.

SPECIALLY SELECTED

C I G A R S .

Fine New Season's CUMSHAW TEA, in
5catty Boxes.

BREAKFAST CONGOU @ 25 cents p. lb.

MILNER'S PATENT FIREPROOF
SAFES, CASH and PAPER
BOXES, of Manufacturer's Price.

Hongkong, June 14, 1884.

Intimations.

WILLIAM DOLAN,
SAIL-MAKER & SHIP-CHANDLER,
22, PRAYA CENTRAL.

COTTON DUCKS, HEMP CANVAS,
MANILA ROPE, AMERICAN
OAKUM, LIFE BUOYS,
CORK JACKETS,
&c., &c., &c.

Hongkong, May 1, 1884. 256

HOTEL DE L'UNIVERS,
WYNDHAM STREET, HONGKONG.

THE Under-signed begs to notify the
Public of Hongkong and the Coast
Ports that he will RE-OPEN.

THE HOTEL DE L'UNIVERS
on the 1st March.

The whole of the ROOMS have been
NEWLY FURNISHED throughout, and there
are ROOMS suitable for either MARRIED
COUPLES or SINGLE PERSONS.

The TABLE will be supplied with the
BEST of the HOUSE.

The WINES and LIQUORS supplied
both at the Bar and Table, will be of the
VERY BEST BRANDS.

GENTLEMEN's desirous of taking MEALS
such as TIFFINS and DINNERS, can
have ALL REQUISITE information by
applying to

GEORGE STAINFIELD,
Proprietor.

Hongkong, February 28, 1884. 268

Richardson's & Robinson's Celebrated Potted
MEATS.

Lunch HAM.

Lamb's TONGUES.

Chin CHOWDER.

Fresh OREGON SALMON.

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J. B

No. 6588.—JULY 2, 1884.

England for the rescue of the crew. The reply of the Netherlands Government is not yet known, but the Dutch must either effect the release of the men themselves, or allow England to do so.

The "affair" has arisen out of the foible policy pursued by the Dutch in the Straits. Although the Rajah of Ternoum has nominally submitted to the Netherlands Government yet he is practically an independent ruler, possessing the most intense dislike for the Dutch. In the course of the negotiations that have taken place for the release of the men he has plainly stated his desire that his country should be transferred from the Dutch to the English rule. If this is done he will give up the prisoners. Failing such an arrangement, he demands a payment of \$150,000, the removal of an obnoxious Rajah from adjoining territory, and a British guarantee that certain of his ports, now closed, by the Dutch, shall be opened to trade.

The Dutch have now been for more than a decade the nominal rulers of Aceh. They have done a lot of desultory fighting there, but they are still masters only along the coast, and inside a few forts they have constructed in the country. Now and then we hear of an attack upon one of these forts, and the massacre of the occupants. Meanwhile the country is practically closed to trade and remains little developed, although it is said to be naturally one of the richest territories in the East. Either the Dutch should exercise an effective rule over the country, or hand it over to be developed by some other Power.

A RATHER singular story is going the round of the Japanese papers to the effect that an American resident in Fusan has brought a suit against the Korean Government for breach of contract. The facts are slightly confused, and we give them for what they are worth. It appears that the Government had ordered 5,000 Snider rifles from Messrs Okura & Co., and drew on the American in question for the payment of the sum, under the stipulation that the money should be refunded him upon the arrival of the rifles. The Chinese Maru arrived, in spite of time, with the cases of firearms, but the Korean authorities failed to keep their part of the bargain; the American, therefore, being some \$25,000 out of pocket. He has immediately took steps to force payment, et cetera. —Japan Mail.

The Fighting in Tonquin.

We have received, by the S. S. *Nanjing*, which arrived last evening from Haiphong, some further particulars of the recent attack made upon a French detachment by a Chinese force near Langson.

Shortly after the arrangement of the convention between Captain, Fournier, and Lt. Hugo Chang at Tientan, General Millet saw the necessity of occupying some of the chief positions near the northern frontier of Tonquin and despatched a force of four hundred French troops and a few of the new Tonquinese militia from Hanoi for the purpose of occupying the important post of Langson, which is situated about eight miles only from the borders of Kwang-si. There is a comparatively good road from Bacninh for about forty miles on the way to Langson, but after that the route passes through a very difficult and stony country, following several valleys lying between bare mountains of moderate elevation. The difficulties of the route were well known to General Millet, who, after the capture of Bacninh, would only sanction the advance of General Negrir, with a force of about three thousand men, to a point about half way between Bacninh and Langson. Now, however, that no hostile force of Chinese were naturally expected to be encountered on that side of the border, it was supposed that there would be no difficulties in the way beyond the ordinary labours of a march through a rough and inhospitable country. From the information we have received it would appear that the French column had gone considerably beyond the point reached by General Negrir in March last, and was very near Langson, when attacked by a force of Chinese believed to number from four to five thousand, who covered the hillsides, enclosing them in a narrow pass among the mountains. After a hardy and contested fight the Chinese were for the time driven off, and messengers were at once dispatched to Hanoi with the intelligence. The French loss in the engagement is reported to be forty-five killed and sixty wounded. The loss inflicted on the enemy is unknown. The news of the attack reached Hanoi on the 21st or 22nd ult., and on the evening of the latter date General Negrir left Hanoi with a force of two thousand men, embarked on board all the available steam launches and light draft boats. This force would probably go as far as Bacninh by river and thence march overland towards Langson, as the branch of the Song-ou which runs for some distance in the direction of Langson is only navigable for boats drawing from two to three feet. A number of junks which were upon this stream carrying provisions and stores for the French troops have also, it is believed, fallen into the hands of the Chinese. The latest intelligence received in Haiphong from General Negrir was up to the 27th ult., and up to that time he had not found any traces of the detachment which had been attacked, nor had he encountered any Chinese force. Great fears are entertained as to the safety of the original expeditionary column should the attack have been renewed. Cut off from their stores, in a barren and difficult country, it is quite possible they may have been utterly annihilated.

Great dissatisfaction appears to be felt General Millet's conduct of affairs in Ternoum. It is entirely owing to his action that the blockade of the coast has been again put in force and Chinese passengers prohibited from landing at Haiphong.

NOTES FROM THE METROPOLIS.

(From our Correspondent.)

London, June 2nd.

At the Hahnemann Medical College, the co-educational system is pursued and young men and young women are admitted to the classes on equal terms. Dr. Hall, the professor of surgery, only in the term requested the students to make a carefully written report of the surgical clinic and to sign a petition that he might examine their reports and select upon merit alone the person who for the entire term should be appointed the official reporter of his clinic. At the next meeting of the class after the reports had been carefully rated, Professor Hall said: "If the gentleman signing himself 'Incoignito' will please stand up I shall take pleasure in making the award." Whereupon amid shouts of applause Miss Ellen Heffron rose and blushing confessed to being the gentelman who signed himself 'Incoignito.' She was appointed.

The Frenchmen believe in Freddy Archer to a man. In the French Derby on Sunday last they plucked it down on his mount Archideus with such blind faith and good will that M. Lefevre's horse started at 11 to 4 on Cannon, a like to one chance, and this fine horseman won in good style, beating Archer by two lengths.

Your sporting readers will not have forgotten Racy, the horse-tamer. There has lately come amongst us an American Professor Loeffler who is even more successful than his countrymen in taming savage and previously untamable horses. There was a mare named Girof, owned by Watson the plunger, which has lately become so violent that no one could approach her. Loeffler does not "whisper," which Racy found so effective, but simply uses kindness and gains the confidence of the animal. At Newmarket during the last races the wildest savage horse followed Loeffler about like a dog. With other horses he has been equally successful, but strange to say I see by the paper that he himself has become insane, and is in custody for attempting the lives of people whom he occupies. It is to be hoped that no successful a horse doctor will ever long recover.

The biggest thing in advertisements to be seen on the streets of London, in picture galleries, and the hoardings is that of the Baverley Minstrels who are "coming." This is 160 ft. long by 60 broad.

At the Health Exhibition the entire grounds are lighted by a great globe of electric light upon a mast sixty feet high. Every part of the gardens are thoroughly illuminated. They tell me that there is a project on foot for lighting all our squares in like manner. It was long ago that I prophesied that the time would come when London would be lighted from above and I am still a firer in this idea. The innovation mentioned is more than likely to be adopted.

His Lordship said Mr. Stephens' affidavit on this matter, it runs as follows:— "I am defendant in the suit, and admit owing \$1,000 to the said Chan, being an instalment for certain alterations being made on Baverley Buildings. I am unable to pay the defendant to plaintiff having received from Mr. Samuel Buff, Official Assignee in the bankruptcy of Chan Yau, who was paid the sum of \$1,000, but had paid the money in Court; but the Official Assignee had not paid the bankrupt of Chan Yau, who was adjudicated a bankrupt in July last, had intended and claimed the money. Mr. Stephens does not 'whisper,' which Racy found so effective, but simply uses kindness and gains the confidence of the animal. At Newmarket during the last races the wildest savage horse followed Loeffler about like a dog. With other horses he has been equally successful, but strange to say I see by the paper that he himself has become insane, and is in custody for attempting the lives of people whom he occupies. It is to be hoped that no successful a horse doctor will ever long recover.

His Lordship said there was no use going over more technicalities, but must sit at the bottom of the thing, and if they wanted to know whether Chan Yau was agent or not they could put him in the witness box and ask him. Where was Chan Yau?

Mr. Stephens said Chan Yau and Chan Kai, Mr. Stephens' client, were two different persons altogether, and again contended that the Official Assignee, having received the sum of \$1,000, had placed himself in the position of plaintiff and was bound to prove it.

Mr. Stephens argued that he had a prima facie case inasmuch as Chan Yau, whether he was sole master or not, had at all events been in the transaction as the agent of his disclosed principal.

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Mr. Stephens—Your Lordship will remember you refused to extend his protection, and he is now in gaol.

His Lordship—It serves him right.

Mr. Stephens was then called. He said he contracted with a man calling himself Mow Shan to make certain alterations on East Building. He had a contract signed by him to Mow Shan.

Mr. Stephens was asked to hand in the contract, but before he did so, he said:—

"I may say, my Lord, I do not wish any documents I hand in marked, as they are my own property; they are the property of a witness, and not those of the parties concerned in the case."

His Lordship—What objection do you have to them being marked?

Mr. Stephens (after some hesitation):—

"I cannot mention any objection at present, but suppose they were idle, my Lord, I might not care to have them marked, and I might at some future date have to give explanations of the marks on them."

His Lordship—Can you show any authority to the effect that witness' documents are different from any other documents?

Mr. Stephens referred his Lordship to Mr. Hobart's Practice, but, after vainly searching the book for some time, he said he was afraid he had lost the place; he had lost his papers and he had lost his ink box.

His Lordship said Mr. Stephens might conjure up circumstances in which he might not like his documents marked, but he was entirely unaware that a witness' documents were different from other documents. Did Mr. Stephens have any objection to pencil marks? they could be rubbed out.

Mr. Stephens reluctantly consented to the pencil marks.

Mr. Stephens said he knew the man who had signed the contract quite well; he was introduced to him in Dr. H. H. A. Aitken's office. He always knew him as Mow Shan, had seen him over the shop door, and all his receipts were signed "Mow Shan" by the man who signed the contract. Mr. Stephens produced several receipts, all signed Mow Shan, dated Sept. 4, Oct. 25, 1882, 1883, Jan. 2, Jan. 25, and April 5, 1884, and were for the following amounts respectively: \$600; \$1,000; \$2,000; \$1,000; and \$1,000. Mr. Stephens said there was a stipulation in the contract that there should always be some person who could speak English to represent Mow Shan. The man who signed the contracts could speak English, but witness had spoken most to a person in Court who could speak English fairly well. He pointed out plaintiff, and said he had always considered him the best witness.

Mr. Danby, architect and civil engineer, who knew a contractor by the name of Mow Seng, or Mow Shan, said he

had dealings with him. Mr. Danby pro-

duced a number of contracts, all signed

by the man who had signed the

contracts one day introduced the plaintiff,

Chun Kai, as a foreman carpenter in the

Mow Shan's

workshop.

Chun Kai said he knew Chun Yau,

and always known him as the sole

owner of the Mow Shan carpenter's busi-

ness. He knew the Mow Shan had been

engaged doing work for Messrs Chater and

Booths after July last, but he had not

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Yau. Chun Yau was due witness \$3,000;

he had filed his claim.

Ho Chu, alias Ho Yuk Tong, contractor,

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